

*****June 22, 2020*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on Monday, June 22, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Councilmember Cheryl Graham
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The minutes for the May 11, 2020 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the May 20, 2020 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the May 27, 2020 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill Dr, suggested that the Council meet with Walden's Ridge Utility District (WRUD) regarding the proposed interconnect. She indicated the Town was behind in providing borings data.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICKI ANDERSON TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND THE SME PRESERVATION FUND, FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR."

Mayor Landrum reminded the Council that his spouse is the President of the SMEPF. Councilmember Murdock reported that the Planning Commission is in support of this agreement. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, stated that the Planning Commission had voted to approve and recommend this agreement to Council.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON, MURPHY & WRIGHT, P.C. TO AUDIT TOWN ACCOUNTS FROM JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, AND TO PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR MUNICIPAL AUDITING SERVICES PERFORMED ON TOWN ACCOUNTS FOR THAT TIME PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$26,420.00)."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

Public Hearing

Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

There being no public comment, the meeting was resumed.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2019-13, 2020-03 AND 2020-04, ENTITLED THE "FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE," SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the second reading of the ordinance.

2. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE".

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the second reading of the ordinance.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-102 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE IN REFERENCE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS."

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the second reading of the ordinance.

Discussion

a. Recreation Facilities.

- Council had extensive discussions regarding issues and concerns related to the pool. Mayor Landrum explained that he had spoken with Dr. Paul Hendricks, Health Officer for Hamilton County Health Department (HCHD). Mayor Landrum said that while the HCHD's main focus is education relating to Covid-19, Dr. Hendricks was comfortable with the Town's measured and cautious approach to opening the public pool. Mr. Veal said that he is waiting to hear back from Christine Gordon of the Green Giant swim team.
- Mr. Veal said that Signal Point will not be opened by the National Forest Service until Phase 2 of the re-opening plan. Mr. Veal said that before Phase 2 can be implemented, there must be a 14-day decline in Covid cases. Councilmember Lusk said that the parking on Palisades is reasonable at this time.
- Council discussed that there are no apparent issues with the opening of the Town fields for baseball.
- Mr. Veal said that an individual is interested in doing a fund raiser at the amphitheater to benefit the Playhouse. Mayor Landrum said that sidewalk repair

is an issue. Mr. Veal said that staff is looking into what can be done to repair the sidewalk.

- b. Water Meter RFP Process and Scheduling Water Board Work Session. Mr. Veal asked the Council to schedule a meeting to hold in-depth discussions regarding the bids received for purchase and installation of new meters for the water department. Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, June 29th at 4:00 p.m.
- c. James Blvd. Parking and Signal Point Overflow. Council agreed this item has already been discussed earlier in this meeting.
- d. Debt Policy. Council asked this item to be moved to a future agenda for discussion.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal said that the TDOT plan for repairs to the road up the mountain is moving forward. He said there will be a utilities review and TDOT may need some ROW access and construction easement within the conservation easement. He does not anticipate any difficulties with this. Mr. Veal said some drainage improvements will be needed along the highway the highway near the Coolidge marker. Mr. Veal said he has submitted requested documents to TDOT.

Mr. Veal said that Representative Patsy Hazelwood had informed him that the Town should receive the \$219,000, granted under the State's Local Support Grant, by the end of July.

Mr. Veal said that the auditors will be at Town Hall for preliminary audit work next week. He said they will return later to do a full, and very tough, in-depth review.

Mr. Veal said that as soon as he hears from Christine Gordon regarding the Green Giant swim team, he will send out the information to Council.

Mr. Veal reminded the Council of options regarding the upcoming Council vacancy as a special election would not be required due to proximity to the regular election.

Other Business

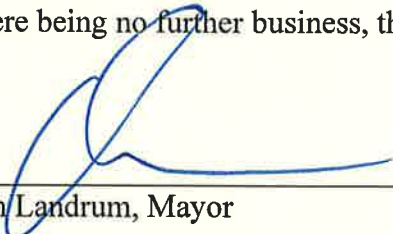
- a. Communications from the Mayor. Mayor Landrum asked that the filling of the Council vacancy be placed on the next agenda as a discussion item.
- b. Communications from Committees or Boards. Mayor Landrum said the Planning Commission had met in a special session to review the SMEPF agreement with the Town. Mayor Landrum said the Library has begun curb side delivery of books. He said the recent pandemic has made it difficult for the Library to raise funds for the proposed building expansion.

- c. Communications from the Town Council. None

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the July 13, 2020 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder